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FRIDAY IS NOT TO BLAME FOR THE UNLUCKY SUPERSTITION OF MISGUIDED HUMANITY.

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day, according to Marabel, and that is proof that the boss lady of all the Colonial dames wasn't scared of Friday, or that she was afraid that George would change his mind if she didn't nail him then.

The union of the colonies was made on Friday, May 20, 1775. Right here the fun began and gave us the right to want to unify everything we can get our hands on. We had a short lapse from this principle in the early sixties, but since then we have been unifying real estate all over the earth. Some of which we wish we could dis-unify some way or other.

The battle of Bunker Hill was fought on Friday, June 12, 1775, and an everlasting inspiration given to the moving picture men.

That celebrated surrender occurred at Saratoga, and the gathering of Burgoyne to our bosom resulted in our recognition by France, without which it is doubtful if we could tell ourselves from Canadians, or be able to keep the ducks and such like cattle out of our political conventions.

The surrender of Yorktown was on Friday, October 19, 1781, and Cornwallis is on that date nearly became a golf-father, ceasing to be a menace to the investment of capital and opening the way to numberless complications.

All of these colonial incidents followed the reading of the Declaration of Independence to the Continental Congress by Richard Henry Lee on Friday, June 7, 1776. That was the key of the whole series, paving the way for a place for the Irish to move to and making every man independent except when his wife is around.

The greatest of confederate generals decided to surrender on Friday, and so stopped the great war of secession. That gave a reliable colored vote for the republican party, and stopped a terrible conflict that never should have been pulled off in the first place.

On Friday General Taylor administered the most artistic whipping to the Mexicans on their own soil and wound up the war with Mexico. The way it was done convinced the Mexicans that they ought to revise their schedules, and they did. Col. Diaz later giving them a little system of his own. In its way it is a peach.

But why continue these illustrations? They are not uninteresting, but there are so many local applications that they seem paramount. Nearly every paper in the Pecos Valley prints on Friday, and we have the best country papers in the southwest. If it wasn't for an occasional extra Friday, we would never have one of those delightful five-day week months, we couldn't have Easter at all, and things generally would be out of tune.

Take it from me, beloved, that Albuquerque incident happened because of the misguided impulse of a citizen of Texas, and not because the doings were held on Friday. Boone has the same it isn't fair to lay the blame of the incident on good old Friday.

HANDFULS OF SORTS.

The Denver Post has discovered that New Mexico is going to kick on the naming of a new governor from the outside. The detective impulse of the big papers is thus proven again. Of course, we will kick, kick our heads off, but it does not necessarily follow that it will do us any good. It is the feeling that it won't do us any good that makes me for one, incline to and hope for, the appointment of that fellow Lawshe, who eats them raw.

The opponents of the bank guaranty plan in Oklahoma are making a big fuss because the first failure took all the reserve there was left over \$400,000 to pay. Huh! That is the easiest thing ever. Apply the Bateman act to the darned old law.

Cardinal Gibbons and Secretary Root are both out with a settler for the equal suffrage idea. As the cardinal is a bachelor he doesn't realize that since woman is the boss already, giving her the right to vote would only be consistent. As Secretary Root is married, his case is simply one of pure bluff, and endeavor to mislead the world as to his own family conditions, which are the same as those of every other man.

According to all accounts the Richard & Pringle nigger minstrels had rough sledding at Big Springs. The Springers fell upon them after the show, and with overdue eggs, bricks and such like, inspired the sure enough comes to take to the prairie. It is now up to the northern pards to tell of another horrible outrage against the colored brother. Since the Springfield riot they are not as fresh in that line as they used to be, however.

It is with the most profound joy that I note that the esteemed Santa Fe New Mexican is seeing the cat, and without realizing it is enforcing the truths of some few things I have said about the desirability of the single tax. In a recent issue the antique makes the following editorial comment, and I will leave it to you if it is not about the best single tax dope possible: "German experts to collect \$50,000,000 annually from the so-called unearned increment tax on lands. In that tax, the United States and New Mexico will some day find the solution of the tax problem. It is a tax upon unimproved lands which are held awaiting the time when the improvements that progress men are making will have increased the value of the unimproved land without any effort on the part of the owner. The greater this unearned increment, the greater the tax is the rule. In Santa Fe, for instance, an enterprising, progressive citizen builds a fine mansion on a lot. His taxes are immediately increased many fold, as a penalty for his progressiveness. His neighbor, who has been holding weed overgrown, unfenced lot without pavement and without trees, finds that the value of his lot has been doubled by the building of the mansion, but his taxes are not increased in proportion under the present methods. Under the unearned increment tax, he would have to pay into the public treasury one-fourth to three-fourths of the unearned increment. That is, if the value of his lot has increased a thousand dollars by his neighbor's progressiveness, he pays \$250 to \$750 of that sum to the tax collector. Such a tax is a great inducement to land owners to improve their holdings. New Mexico has millions of acres that are being held idle awaiting the benefit of the unearned increment brought by other men who are enterprising and are building up the commonwealth, but strange to say, those unimproved lands escape taxation almost altogether, while the most logical method would be to put the burden of taxation upon such land so as to hasten their exploitation and improvement." There is your proof that the single tax is not a political matter, for the New Mexican is the leading republican paper of the territory outside of the Pecos Valley. It is merely a matter of common sense, and the New Mexican is certainly to be congratulated upon having so well assimilated the lesson of the German law.

Practically everybody approves the appointment of Judge W. H. Pope to be governor of New Mexico except the Judge himself and President Taft. As soon as those slight authorities are brought around to consent, the boom may be started in earnest.

Rather a novel point in regard to the rights of the married man has been brought up in the case of a Connecticut man who was arrested for beating his wife and sued for divorce at the same time. The case comes from Shelton, Conn. It seems that the plaintiff was a small farmer and had been to the city to sell some of the produce that brought his principal revenue. He returned home between five and six in the evening, wet to the skin from a cold rain. His wife had gone to the meeting of the neighborhood woman's club, and did not reach home until after he had built a fire and gotten his own supper. When she did get there, he was waiting for her with a bed-slat and it was applied to the place where it would do the most good. Judge Wharton in reviewing the case said the man was acting wholly within his rights that he had a right to expect his wife at home when he returned, with a fire and a warm supper; that it was her business and there was no excuse for her not attending to it; that it had commenced to rain early in the afternoon, and she must have known how badly her services would be needed; that no social or intellectual association could abolish the natural duties of the wife; he must therefore discharge the defendant on the charge of assault, and refuse the petition for divorce. Now the federated woman's club of New England are dissecting the Judge and serving him up in dark brown toasts, but the men folks are insisting that he is just the man to run for president next time. If the ruling of the Judge is constitutional, and that point will be tested in the upper courts, the Federation putting up the money for the woman and his men neighbors for the defendant, this world is in no danger of too-early emancipation after all.

It is now given out that the visit of President Diaz of Mexico to El Paso and Juarez cost the government of that barbarous country \$750,000. Well, what of it? No such spectacle has occurred in the history of the continent, and we can't expect presidents who go on a tour like that to travel in a smoker, especially since we don't pay the bill.

Since the announcement of the retirement of Governor Curry in the spring, there has been a sharp falling off in the discovery of old homes of the governor. That will be just one recompense if a carpetbagger takes his effect on Friday as any other day, and place. There will be no such discoveries announced to the reading public.

There is in this country a class that is always finding something that is threatening the very foundations of the republic, and just at present these alarmists are pointing the moral and drawing some gloomy predictions of

disaster from the work of the new Mormon press bureau, which is industriously booming Utah and glorifying the work of the church in the work of redeeming the desert. These calamity howlers see in the work of the Mormons a sinister purpose. They are going to grab a root after a while and shake the whole national clump of mesquite. They are plotting and planning to run things themselves, and after awhile the nation will wake up to the fact that they are the whole thing. Already they have the power to make and unmake any man in the community (which is also true of the Methodist) and if things are allowed to go on there is no telling what manner of woe they will impose upon the nation. Like the misled legion who a few years ago got it into their heads that Catholicism was about to get the country by the heels, stand out free schools, and play hob generally, the church is condemned in the strongest terms by the alarmist, who urge that it is a menace to the people that ought to be wiped out, though they neglect to recommend just how it should be done. All of which is amusing to one into whom the true breadth of the glorious west has come, and who really knows something of the character and work of the Mormons. To such observers it is the braying of asses and the wandering harangues of lunatics. The country has nothing to fear from the Mormon. On the other hand it has every reason to bless him. He has gone into corners where a prairie dog would starve to death and made comfortable homes, where all the advantages of life are at hand. He has drawn the water from beneath and made irrigated fields that produce as none other in the world. Wherever he has gone the school house has followed close after and the standard of morality and public decency has remained better than in similar communities of other faiths. Work is his prime belief, and any man who believes in that is not dangerous in politics or anything else. That he should desire representation in the senate and other legislative bodies is only natural and approved by the masses. Why not? The Mormon pays his taxes and is entitled to representation, and that he is beginning to get it is a matter of congratulation rather than of apprehension. If he believes the pot-gutted old Joe Smith was the direct prophet of the Lord, and that the only road to salvation is through the Mormon church, he has a right to that belief under the constitution, and should be protected in it against all comers. So far as the Mormon ever being a menace to American institutions, that is balderdash of the rankest sort. He is as patriotic as anybody, and outside of his peculiar, not to say fanatical religious belief, just as level headed. He has made of his church a home provider for the homeless, a mingling of business sentiment and reverence, an educator and leveler of class. The way is open for any other church to do the same thing, but so far as they have failed to rise to the opportunity, which is their fault, not the Mormon's. Laying all these considerations to one side, these people who are scared at the Mormon shadow should take a trip through the Mormon country and learn something. The half of the work of the Saints in making Utah habitable has not been told. With-

out them the finest irrigated section on earth would still be desert, and millions of values in farms and public property undeveloped. They have made life and property safe, have attended strictly to their own business and while always about but little themselves, are always ready and pleased to entertain whoever comes their way without either thanks or price. A people who have such characteristics need not be feared by any one, and they are not, except by those crass idiots who are always smelling something foul. The Mormon is undoubtedly set on an oblique from an orthodox standpoint, but his passage toward progress is made with a straight front along the line of hard work, simple living and decency, and the west would be better off if there were more of him.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Tucumcari, New Mexico, November 3, 1909.

Present: J. A. Street, Mayor; W. F. Buchanan, S. H. Neafus, G. W. Evans, Jr., Councilmen; Reed Holliman, Attorney; H. R. Benson, Chief of Police; J. R. Daughtry, Clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The report of the Finance Committee was read and approved and warrants ordered drawn for the amount.

On motion of W. F. Buchanan, seconded by S. H. Neafus an electric arc light was ordered put in at the junction of Smith and Adams streets, one at the junction of Second and Center streets and the one moved from the West end of Main street to the junction of Third and Main streets.

S. H. Neafus moved that the electric light on the pole near the South Methodist church be discontinued. Motion seconded by G. W. Evans, Jr., and carried.

Resignation of C. L. Benner as City Scurgeon was read and accepted, and C. C. Gibson whose application was presented and read was duly elected to fill said position.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

CONTEST NOTICE

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Tucumcari, N. M.

November 1, 1909.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Hattie M. Hawkins, contestant, against Homestead Entry, No. 10374, made September 1, 1906, for SW 1/4, Sec. 33, Twp. 6N., Range 28E., N. M. Principal Meridian, by Charles S. Beeler, contestee, in which it is alleged under date of January 18, 1909, that said Charles S. Beeler had wholly abandoned said land for more than six months last past and next prior to said date; and had wholly failed to cultivate and improve the same as required by law. Now notified, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on December 15, 1909, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Tucumcari, N. M.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed November 1, 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. Cont. 1805. R. A. Prentice, Register, 03797. N. V. Gallegos, Receiver, 11-6-5t.

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